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Valuation of Alton.

Real estate No. of acres, 35605. Val. $399423.
Personal estate including polls 125511.
Total value $524934.

	No.	Value	Average value
Polls	342	$34200.	$100.00
Horses	291	18590.	63.88
Oxen	220	12803	58.20
Cows	543	13841.	25.49
Neat Stock	761	18213.	23.93
Sheep	583	2128.	3.65

Total amount of taxes raised $11288.37

State	$1360	
County	2044 25	
School	1690.00	
Town	3000.00	
Percentage	304.69	
Highway	2500.00	
Percentage	124.67	
School House	264.76	11288.37
Dog	110.00	110.00
Whole amount of taxes		$11398.37

Poll tax money $1.60. Highway $0.50

Receipts into the Treasury.

Whole amount taxes charged to Collector		$11398.37
Cash of Thomas Varney	$500.00	
City of Dover	27.50	
State Treas. County money	19.50	
City of Dover	26.25	
County of Belknap	71.33	
" "	62.50	
State Treas. R. R. tax	375.50	
" " Sav's Bank "	1247.27	
" " Literary Funds	154.53	
City of Dover	53.89	
C W Whitehouse	4.09	
Josiah Nason	1.00	2543.36
Total amount		$13941.73

Expenditures.

Paid Alton 5 cts Savings Bank	$117 48
Wm H Nute return of births and deaths	1 75
E J Lane & Co for stationery	4 10
P H Wheeler return of births and deaths	7 00
County Tax	2044 25
State Tax	1360 00
Thomas Varney am't of note	5 20
Geo H Straw use of water trough	3 00
J N Avery " " "	3 00
F B Coffin " " "	3 00
C H Downing " " "	3 00
D H Morrison " " "	3 00
R M Gray for return of births and deaths	75
L B Glidden hammer handle	35
	$4070 68

Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid State Industrial School for J F Howard	$65 57
C L Jenness for stone hammer	2 26
J L Blakely school house tax	25 00
C S Glidden " " "	80 00
L B Glidden fitting wood	1 25
C A Coffin for wood	2 00
H F Muzzey extra school money Dist 5	75 00
G F Savage for horse hire	8 50
J M Gilman damage on highway	15 00
E & W Hayes sheep killed by a dog	4 00
J P Hussey for plow point	85
O J M Gilman for school books	4 63
M Bennett for two telegrams	64
	$284 69

Pauper Bills.

Paid S W Tetherly aid to Mrs Richardson	$137 26
H S Chapman aid to T Garland	77 50
S R Jones rent for M H Nutter	8 00
G L Ames for boarding R Lamprey	69 00
A D Faunce & Son coffin for T Garland	15 00
John Hurley aid to Mary Ryan	5 00
P H Wheeler medical aid to Mrs R M Langley	9 00
P H Wheeler medical aid to Emma Peavey	22 00
H I Nute & Co aid to Mary H Nutter	80 00
H I Nute & Co " Straw family	40 70
E R Cate " " "	8 45
P H Wheeler " John A Peavey	2 00
" " " " Mrs M V B Stevens	1 50
" " " " Hannah Stevens	2 50
D T Parker aid to J K Boynton	2 00
Insane Asylum expense of J K Boynton	33 06

Peid P H Wheeler medical aid to M Ryan	1 00
" " " " " H E Preston	5 00
" " " " " A S Peavey	6 75
" " " " " I M Rollins	11 25
Ira W Mitchell aid to J K Boynton	18 93
Place & Chamberlin aid to H Stevens	10 50
Jones & Sawyer " " "	21 14
" " " Emma Peavey	9 10
" " " J A Peavey	3 50
" " " R Lamprey	1 58
P H Wheeler aid to M H Nutter	4 50
F E Granville aid to Straw family	24 83
D P Evans coffin for M Ryan	16 00
C H Downing aid to M Ryan	5 00
H I Dolby aid to C Chamberlin	13 00
G F Savage aid to T Garland	8 00
" " " " transients	3 75
" " " for team to Concord for J K Boynton	8 00
H I Nute & Co aid to M V B Stevens	18 00
C V Coffin aid to M H Nutter	18 00
F E Granville aid to Mrs Straw	3 25
	$724 05

Abatements.

Samuel Jones	$2 10
John Barker	2 00
Ellor J Emerson	10 00
Julia Coffin	1 00
Olive Davis	1 19
Darius E Garland	8 78
Jonathan Woodman	38
Hannah Stevens	3 20
Charles H Clough	1 00
Oliver J Pettigrew	3 15

Charles F Rand	2 56
Joseph Straw	4 20
Ira S B Foss	1 92
Moses Ellis	32
Charles W Piper	3 40
Stephen C Lamprey	1 06
Ezekiel E Witham	2 10
George W Gerrish	1 43
Meshach Hanscom	45
Jerusha Smith	5 27
Jonathan F Smith	2 10
Harris A Emerson	2 17
Edwin Jones	2 23
Albert O Philips & Co	7 18
Daniel M Mooney a'bt on Shoe Manufactory	35 00
Ida E Rand	4 61
Frank J Rollins	1 00
Timothy Berry	15
	$109 95

Paid for Schools.

Paid Dist No 2	$106 60
3	152 74
5	440 00
6	148 00
7	51 67
8	5 82
9	91 00
10	39 14
11	123 75
12	160 74
13	87 50
14	77 84
15	49 73

Paid Dist	16	45 20
	17	73 08
	18	34 00
	19	44 69
	20	60 00
	23	7 90
		$1799 40

Bounties.

Paid on 185 crows	$18 50
1 wild cat	1 00
21 woodchucks	2 10
	$21 60
Am't of Summer highway taxes worked	$2835 68
" Winter highway " worked	2219 17
	$5054 85

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid Oliver J M Gilman School Committee	$75 00
John W Currier Town Clerk	53 65
Jonas Sleeper Collector of Taxes	100 00
Alonzo H Sawyer Treasurer	40 00
Amos L Rollins Selectman	77 50
" " for recording inventory and keeping school books	20 00
" " R R fare and expense out of town	15 00
Morrison Bennett Selectman	77 00
" " R R fare and team	12 17
Frank E Granville Selectman	77 00
Overseers of the Poor	27 50
Auditors	10 00
	$584 82

Breaking Roads.

J. Prescott	$10 75
S. Tufts' heirs	1 66
D. & C. E. Hodgdon	9 50
H. D. Woodman	1 00
T. Varney	22 99
A. Varney	21 87
S. Durgin	12 50
J. Varney	4 00
G. W. Colbath	38
A. B. Lang	5 13
S. O. Wallingford	1 25
A. P. & A. J. Gilman	35 00
C. A. Perkins	25 70
W. S. Watson	13 83
A. C. Rollins	6 98
I. Rollins	1 00
F. H. Furber	12 05
S. D. Hill	2 14
E. O. Prescott	6 50
A. S. Davis	1 00
C. F. Rand	2 62
M. J. Varney	5 37
L. McDuffee	16 25
L. M. Rollins	13 25
E. G. Rollins	11 87
S. Shannon	4 75
S. C. Lamprey	1 88
H. M. Clark	3 37
J. E. Berry	21 56
W. H. Berry	2 50
S. J. Dealand	9 33
E. Hanson	34 89
J. Woodman	15 75
D H Morrison	25 55
J N Morrison	23 18

S Morrison	13 00
J W Howard	8 20
J M Lamprey	7 95
J F Evans	7 50
W P Trask	6 50
J G W Jones	19 83
G E Nute	12 37
J C Clough	2 00
A N Nutter	6 00
John Chamberlin	1 50
S C Walker	6 75
L B Place	26 12
M R Place	84
P C Place	5 43
J B Place	1 87
C P Hayes	7 37
A E Avery	4 75
J Avery	10 00
O S Davis	12 25
B L Frohock	16 50
W H Hayes	5 63
H O Tuttle	16 75
J B Evans	14 92
E Garland	9 25
O L French	10 25
E Hayes	24 75
John McDuffee	8 55
H & R B Hurd	12 38
C H Hurd	20 75
J Scavey	5 20
A Roberts	6 50
J K Granville	30 50
A Huckins	19 82
I J Chamberlin	2 25
B F Furber	16 50
D S Chamberlin	18 54
C W Whitehouse	17 50

C Adams	5 78
R Roberts	6 95
C Getchell	6 06
C C Rines	16 12
W Selon	5 75
L T Coffin	4 67
J B Mooney	70
S E Furber	2 14
A H Hayes	15 82
O J M Gilman	15 82
J A Mooney	10 57
M Bennett	6 32
M D Gooch	2 20
S Straw	16 25
J F Chesley	4 75
D Watson	6 06
B L Frohock	17 00
D Lamper	28 25
W Jones	18 87
A G Ellis	9 77
E G Ellis	4 08
W A Willard	6 06
J D Flanders	5 40
D B Morse	27 35
A G Small	1 25
J Dearborn	17 25
C H Tebbetts	7 00
C C Mooney	16 50
Mooney & Varney	1 50
H F Muzzey	1 00
D Hayes	4 55
P T Varney	75
D E Clough	50
C V Coffin	4 50
S E P Gilman	32 49
J H Fifield	3 13
P Nute	12 87

G F Place	2 74
F B Coffin	27 75
G F Glidden	4 56
J Smith	1 18
C H Clough	2 25
D B & C H Clough	14 19
A W Stockbridge	2 75
R Jones	7 87
G Goodell	12 74
E Brown	8 87
C L Pinkham	1 05
A Bradley	1 43
N Stevens	9 65
J S Morse heirs	6 50
H B Ricker	1 50
S Jones	8 25
J J Lang	42 93
C G Drew	4 94
A Berry	1 00
J A Johnson	13 25
F Adams	7 38
J Haire	5 37
M W Brown	9 75
J A Cate	11 00
E R Cate	44 49
B F Lucas	14 81
C B Rines	6 00
J Nason	80 12
S T Roberts	28 87
T Berry	63
J L Cooley	2 43
J W Currier	3 24
J W Durgin	50
E & Wm Hayes	31 29
S D Hurd	8 08
J Jones	62
T T Collins	3 75

J A Collins	4 00
C V Coffin	3 75
C C Mooney	16 00
H J McDuffee	5 49
C K Rollins	8 53
I W Mitchell	60
J B Jones	50
J C Varney	1 93
G E Varney	81
B Whitehouse	12 62
W A Chamberlin	29 86
S Cotton	9 02
W P Trask	18 37
D S Lougee	10 11
C A & L W Twombly	7 50
J Q Adams	4 50
A B Flanders	17 53
E D Flanders	8 00
E N Hinckley	11 62
L G Page	15 09
U Lamprey	6 46
G W Ricker	4 93
F Flanders	4 73
L Gilman	9 37
G Ames	7 08
G B Ames	2 84
I Myers	68
J W M Kimball	37 78
J D Proctor	15 25
J Drew	10 37
G H Seward	8 00
E F Goodwin	1 25
I B Gilman	31 75
B P Marston	4 75
J M Gilman	2 82
J Watson	20 25
L E Avery	13 75

C W Dore	8 75
S G Flanders	6 63
H A Flanders	3 25
H Glidden	10 00
C S Glidden	9 75
O D Glidden	10 00
S S Gilman	13 75
E Warner	6 00
C Perkins	4 12
S Stockbridge	2 75
J Sleeper	3 25
S L Bachelder	14 58
C H Foss	6 12
C Rollins	19 19
C W Rollins	12 38
S E Rollins	15 62
D Ricker	25
T G Ricker	5 72
Jonas Sleeper	13 05
J E Smith	13 74
G E Nute	8 60
A Young	11 15
C E Young	3 00
M Young	3 87
A W Young	75
J C Young	75
A Ellis	1 25
G W Gerrish	1 25
A S French	15 50
N Evans	5 37
I Sawyer	12 21
J E Smith	10 00
G W Morrison	3 00
J L Ricker	45
A L Rollins	2 18
Total Amount	$2219.17

Recapitulation.

Paid Expenditures	4070 68
Miscellaneous	284 69
Paupers	724 05
Abatements	109 95
Schools	1799 40
Bounties	21 60
Officers	584 82
Highway Work Summer	2835 68
" " Breaking	2219 17
Total Expenditures	$12650 04
Whole amount of taxes and receipts	13941 73
Expenditures	12650 04
Cash in Treasury	$1291 69

Liabilities.

Due Schools	319 85	
" " Dis No. 5	75 00	
" " districts dog tax	102 00	
Outstanding Bills	100 00	596 85
Cash Assets		$694 84
Notes due Town		196 15
Total Assets		$890 99

AMOS L. ROLLINS,
MORRISON BENNETT,
FRANK E. GRANVILLE. } Selectmen of Alton.

We the undersigned have carefully examined the foregoing financial account, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

OLIVER J. M. GILMAN,
CHARLES H. DOWNING. } Auditors.

Alton, N. H., March 1, 1884.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The foregoing report we respectfully submit to the citizens of Alton, representing the true financial condition of the town, for the fiscal year ending March 1, 1884. It will be seen that the pauper bills are larger than usual, but within the past year, Mr. T. Garland of Great Falls, and Mrs. Richardson of Concord, have both died; and since the change in the law in 1883, relative to time of settlement, the most of those who have been assisted by the town, have been adjudged on the county; and it now appears much more favorable for the town the ensuing year.

The bills for aid of M. H. Nutter have been paid by City of Dover, and the bills of the county paupers have been paid by the County, from Oct. 1st to the time, which they were adjudged, as per receipts.

The expense of the repairs of highways exceeds the tax, and the winter work exceeds $2000.00, as estimated at our last annual meeting. As there was no money in the treasury, we were under the necessity of loaning five-hundred dollars of Mr. Varney last May, to pay schools, which has since been paid. Collector Sleeper has balanced his account with the Treasurer, and so we have no doubtful Collector's account.

As we now have a manufactory in operation, and another to begin business this year, we think the future prospect has an encouraging aspect for the increase of the population, and prosperity of the town.

Signed on this first day of March, 1884.

AMOS L. ROLLINS,
MORRISON BENNETT,
FRANK E. GRANVILLE.
} Selectmen of Alton.

REPORT

OF THE

TOWN TREASURER.

Cash Received.

1883.			
Apr	23	Cash rec'd of Jonas Sleeper Collector	$280 00
May	22	Thomas Varney	500 00
June	22	Amos L Rollins Selectman	27 50
Juiy	4	Jonas Sleeper Collector	40 00
"	23	"	82 50
Aug	4	"	52 00
"	18	"	80 00
Sept	1	"	100 00
"	8	"	50 50
"	15	"	150 00
"	17	Amos L Rollins Selectman	19 50
"	18	"	26 25
"	22	Jonas Sleeper Collector	300 00
"	"	"	60 00
"	29	"	300 00
Oct	6	"	111 00
"	13	"	80 00
"	27	"	100 00
Nov	3	"	60 00
"	10	"	250 00
"	17	"	180 00
"	21	Amos L Rollins Selectman	71 33
"	24	Jonas Sleeper Collector	400 58

Dec	11	Jonas Sleeper Collector.	350 00
"	8	"	700 00
"	15	"	325 00
"	29	"	150 23
Jany	5 1884	"	200 67
"	12	"	100 00
"	18	Amos L Rollins Selectman	62 50
"	"	" R R Tax	375 50
"	"	" Sav's Bank	1247 27
"	"	" Literary fund	154 53
"	26	Jonas Sleeper Collector	85 00
Feb	2	"	100 00
"	16	"	100 00
"	23	"	100 00
Mar	1	Amos L Rollins Selectman	53 89
"	"	Jonas Sleeper Collector	800 00
"	"	"	35 00
"	"	"	339 74
"	"	" interest on taxes	12 00
			$8612 49

1883. **Cash Paid Out.**

Apr	25	Paid Alton Sets Sav's Bank per order	$117 48
"	"	Samuel W Tetherly	31 52
"	"	State Industrial School	13 50
"	"	Israel Sawyer	12 21
"	25	E J Lane	4 10
"	"	William H Nute	1 75
"	26	P H Wheeler	7 00
May	16	Mrs H S Chapman	39 00
"	19	Joseph E Smith	10 00
June	2	C L Jenness	2 26
"	8	Sally R Jones	8 00
"	18	Georgie L Ames	36 00

June	20	Amos L Rollins	Receipt	35 00
"	21	Andrew J Gilman	School Dist 17	24 00
"	22	Charles Getchel	" 13	35 00
"	23	Seth O Wallingford	" 20	30 00
"	25	Henry L Dolby	" 3	45 00
"	29	Edwin O Prescott	" 7	24 00
"	29	Makenzie W Brown	" 11	40 00
"	30	H F Muzzey	" 5	200 00
"	30	S D Hurd	" 9	38 00
July	3	J H Downing	" 12	52 50
"	9	Orrin D Glidden	" 6	32 00
"	23	H D Woodman	" 18	34 00
"	"	Samuel W Tetherly per order		35 84
"	30	State Industrial School		19 50
Aug	18	George W Morrison		3 00
Sept	1	Daniel B Colby		2 20
"	4	A D Faunce & Son		15 00
"	"	Mrs H S Chapman		38 50
"	22	Samuel W Tetherly		49 45
"	"	Samuel W Tetherly		20 45
Oct	12	State Industrial School		19 50
"	18	R Trefethen & Co		8 74
"	19	Orrin D Gilman School	Dist 6	30 00
"	20	John Hurley per order		5 00
"	27	Dr P H Wheeler		9 00
"	30	Seth O Wallingford School	Dist 20	30 00
"	31	Dr P H Wheeler per order		22 00
Nov	1	H I Nute		90 50
"	9	Seth D Hurd School	Dist 9	53 90
"	10	Elmer N Hinkley	" 15	49 73
"	12	Jonathan L Blakely per order		25 00
"	14	Irad B Gilman School	Dist 16	45 20
"	17	Charles Getchel	" 13	52 52
"	"	Calvin S Glidden school house tax		80 00
"	"	Henry F Muzzey School	Dist 5	240 00
"	22	Samuel Morrison	" 23	7 90
"	"	R Trefethen & Co per order		29 12

Nov. 28	Andrew J Gilman School Dist 17	49 08
" "	Benj L Frohock " 14	77 84
" "	Albert R Page " 8	5 82
Dec 6	A L Rollins Selectman per receipt	50 00
" 10	Henry F Muzzey per order	6 49
" 14	Edwin O Prescott School Dist 7	27 67
" 15	Eleazer R Cate per order	8 45
" 17	P H Wheeler M D	6 00
" 18	County Treasurer	2044 25
" 19	Levi B Glidden	1 25
" 27	Jona H Downing School Dist 12	108 24
" 28	Charles H Foss " 19	44 69
" "	Georgie L Ames per order	33 00
Jany 3 '84	Frank E Granville Selectman per receipt	25 00
" "	M W Brown School Dist 11	83 75
" "	Sumner Cotton " 10	39 14
" "	Orrin D Glidden " 6	22 00
" 15	State tax	1360 00
" 18	David H Morrison School Dist 2	106 60
" 25	Edward A Coffin per order	2 00
Feby 1	H I Dolby School Dist 3	107 74
" 4	Thomas Varney note and interest	520 00
" 9	D T Parker per order	2 00
" 9	State Industrial School	7 07
" 13	Orrin D Glidden School Dist 6	52 00
" 15	N H Asylum for Insane per order	33 06
" 23	P H Wheeler M D	24 00
" "	Ira W Mitchel	18 93
" "	Geo W Place	10 50
" "	Jones & Sawyer	55 55
" 26	H F Muzzey School Dist 5	75 00
" 27	P H Wheeler per order	4 50
Mar 1	H I Nute & Co	48 20
" "	E & W Hayes	4 00
" "	Cyrus V Coffin	18 00
" "	John W Currier	53 65

Mar. 1	Geo F Savage	8 06
" "	John H Fifield	22 00
" "	Geo F Savage	11 00
" "	Morrison Bennett per receipt	60 31
" "	Frank E Granville	58 26
" "	Amos L Rollins	64 71
" "	Oliver J M Gilman	79 62
" "	Auditors per order	10 00
		$7320 84

ALONZO H. SAWYER, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast and a balance of $1291.69 in the hands of the Treasurer.

OLIVER J. M. GILMAN, }
CHARLES H. DOWNING. } Auditors.

Alton, March 1, 1884.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The whole amount of money raised by town tax for the support of schools was $1690.00. Amount of literary fund $154.56. Amount of railroad tax appropriated for support of schools $119.69. Amount of dog tax so applied $55.00. Entire amount of school revenue $2019.25. There have been thirty-four schools during the year, taught by twenty-four different teachers, five males and nineteen females. Whole number of different scholars studying Arithmetic 206, Grammar 100, Geography 96, History 14, Book-Keeping 9, Algebra 12.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

No school for the year.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, David H. Morrison. First term of seven weeks taught by Miss Sophia George of Barnstead. Whole number of scholars, 13. Average attendance, 11. The second term of eleven weeks was also taught by the same teacher. Whole number of scholars, 11. Average attendance, 10. There was no class in school neglected by Miss George. The classes in arithmetic, grammar and geography made excellent progress.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, Henry I. Dolby. Summer term taught by Miss Annie S. Kenney of Farmington. Whole number of scholars, 19. Average attendance, 16. Length of term, eight weeks. When I visited the school at the commencement I found the teacher doing her duty in the best manner, but from some cause a portion of the scholars became dissatisfied with her and left the school. Whether they had good cause for so doing I am unable to say, for no complaint has been made to me by any of their parents. On visiting the school at its close I found those that were left had made as good progress and performed the examples I gave them as readily as in any school I had examined. The winter term of fourteen weeks was taught by Edwin G. Moore, of Gilmanton, with good success.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

No summer school. Winter term taught by Miss Florence Coffin is still in session.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee, Frank H. Muzzey. Summer term of ten weeks taught by Miss Clara A. Proctor of Barnstead. Whole number of scholars, 27. Average attendance, 26. This school, as is often the case with village schools, is a little unruly and requires a stern teacher. It was on this account that Miss Proctor failed to have the best of order, which is so essential to a good school, although the discipline was much better at the close of the school than when I visited it at the commencement. Classes in Arithmetic and Geography made fair improvement. Fall term of twelve weeks taught by C. F. Smith of Maine. Whole number of scholars, 24. Average attendance, 22. Mr. Smith is a good teacher. The difficulty mentioned in the

summer school was promptly met and remedied If Mr. Smith could have the charge of this school a few terms more it would rank as well as any in town. The winter term taught by the same teacher has not finished.

The Primary department was under the instruction of Miss Clara M. Chesley. Whole number of scholars, 28. Average attendance, 22. The summer term was eleven weeks. The fall and winter terms were also taught by the same teacher, the length of each term being the same as the summer. Miss Chesley has taught this school for the past ten years and needs no recommendation as a teacher from me. The scholars in this school all speak loud and distinctly, so they can be heard in any part of the school room. I found at the end of each term that every scholar understood thoroughly what they had been over.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prudential Committee, Orran D. Glidden. Summer school of six weeks taught by Walter Jenkins of Gilmanton. Whole number of scholars, 15. Average attendance, 12. The teacher was young but succeeded very well. Classes in Arithmetic and Geography made fair improvement. Fall term of six weeks taught by Miss Carrie B. Johnson of Wolfeboro. Miss Johnson seemed to work hard for the welfare of her pupils, and though her scholars were most all small, yet she succeeded in getting them interested in their studies. Winter term was commenced by the same teacher and continued a short time, when in consequence of sickness she was obliged to dismiss her school. The rest of the term was finished by Frank N. Merrill of Gilmanton, who had good success. I never saw a school composed of so many small scholars more quiet than this.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee, Edwin O. Prescott. Summer term of eight weeks taught by Miss Luella Crockett. Whole number of scholars, 6. Average attendance, 5. This school made good improvement and showed much labor on the part of the teacher. The winter term of nine weeks also taught by Miss Crockett.

DRISTRICT NO. 9.

Prudential Committee, Seth D. Hurd. Summer term of eight weeks taught by Miss Carrie A. Lang. Whole number of scholars, 10. Average attendance, 10. Miss Lang's qualifications are such as will always insure success in teaching. All the classes gave evidence of much hard study. Winter term of ten weeks taught by Miss Carrie M. Sargent of Gilmanton. Whole number of scholars, 10. Average attendance, 10. This school is well advanced, and made excellent progress in the various branches pursued.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Prudential Committee, Sumner Cotton. No summer school. Winter term of eight weeks taught by Sumner Cotton. Whole number of scholars, 4. I did not receive the notice in season to visit this school at its close, so can make no report.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Prudential Committee, Mackenzie W. Brown. Summer term of eight weeks taught by Miss Alma E. Clark. Whole number of scholars, 14. Average attendance, 13. This was Miss Clark's first experience in teaching, and she succeeded well. The scholars all seemed to be interested in their studies and made good improvement. Winter term of fourteen weeks taught by Miss Frances A. Whitehouse. Whole number of scholars, 14. Average attendance, 13. Miss Whitehouse has had much experience in teaching, and knows how to keep a good school.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Prudential Committee, Jonathan H. Downing. Summer term of seven weeks taught by Miss Cora E. Gilman. Whole number of scholars, 26. Average attendance, 23. Winter term of twelve weeks also taught by the same teacher. Miss Gilman is an experienced teacher, and her scholars manifested much thoroughness in what they had been over during the term.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Prudential Committee, Charles Getchell. Summer term of seven weeks taught by Miss Abbie M. Fullerton of Wolfeboro. Whole number of scholars, 8. Average attendance, 7. Miss Fullerton proved to be a good instructress, and her school passed a good examination. Winter term of ten weeks taught by Miss Eliza H. Rust of Wolfeboro. Whole number of scholars, 11. Average attendance, 10. Miss Rust has every qualification for a teacher and I cannot but feel it a pleasure to express my approbation of the manner in which this school was conducted under this able and efficient teacher. All classes passed examination with much credit.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Prudential Committee, Benjamin L Frohock. No summer school. Fall term of twelve weeks taught by Miss Iva S. Price of Gilmanton. Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 11. Miss Price is a good teacher and her scholars made such progress in the various branches taught as to give general satisfaction.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Prudential Committee, Elmer N. Hinckley. No summer school. Fall term of nine weeks taught by Miss Annie V. Downing. Whole number of scholars, 6. Average attendance, 5. This school is rather backward, but all seemed to try hard to learn.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Prudential Committee, Irad B. Gilman. Fall term of eleven weeks taught by Miss Abbie L. Lougee of Gilmanton. Whole number of scholars, 4. Average attendance, 3. This school being so small, and not very far advanced made it rather uninteresting to the teacher, yet she succeeded in getting her pupils interested in their books and good progress was made.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Prudential Committee, Andrew J. Gilman. Summer term of six weeks taught by Miss Blanche I. Cate of Effingham. Whole number of scholars, 16. Average attendance, 14. Miss Cate not only has the art of winning the esteem and affection of her scholars, but she possesses the skill, tact and power of imparting knowledge to them in the most effective manner. All classes gave evidence of careful study and thorough training.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

Prudential Committee, Henry Woodman. Summer term of seven weeks taught by Percy S. Jones. Whole number of scholars, 11. Average attendance, 10. The scholars are most all small in this school, but Mr. Jones possesses the faculty of interesting young scholars. The term was one of profit.

DISTRICT NO. 19.

Prudential Committee, Charles H. Foss. Fall term of ten weeks taught by Miss Fannie A. Shannon. Whole number of scholars, 10. Average attendance, 8. The scholars were quiet and orderly and made fair progress in their studies.

DISTRICT NO. 20.

Prudential Committee, Otis S. Wallingford. Summer term of six weeks taught by Miss Emma L. Jones. Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 10. The teacher by kindness, firmness and decision gained the respect of her scholars. The fall term of eight weeks was also taught by Miss Jones. The progress made both terms was very commendable.

General Remarks.

Our schools for the most part have been a success. Able instructors have been employed in nearly every district, who have devoted their best energies to the instruction of their schools; and we have cause for congratulation that we have been favored with such an excellent class of teachers during the past year.

I am glad to note the general interest parents and citizens have manifested in our schools, by way of visits. It is always pleasing to report schools successful, but it is far more pleasing to have parents present the last day of school and see for themselves. I wish all parents would visit their schools more frequently than they do, not only in order to satisfy themselves as to the progress made, and the condition of the school, but it would serve also to encourage the teacher and stimulate the scholars. Also if any parents are inclined to find fault with the teacher from anything that has been said by their children, by visiting the school they would be able to see for themselves, whether it was a fault in the teacher or in their own children. The discipline in the schools for the past year has been excellent, only two or three schools but what have had good order. Order and good government are essential to the prosperity of all schools. Much attention has been paid during the year to Penmanship; more than two-thirds of all the scholars in the different schools have attended to this branch. Many schools made it a matter of exercise each day. The books shown at the close of the terms were in a neat condition and gave evidence of much improvement. The most of the school houses are in good repair, yet there are a few, which if there could be

expended on each, from ten to twenty dollars in paint and whitewash, it would be a good investment.

While our schools are very well supplied with maps and blackboards, yet they are all deficient in globes. There is not a district in town but what needs one, and the expense would be only a few dollars. No more instructive article than a globe could be introduced into any school room: for by its study the relative position of the countries of the world can be learned as in no other way, and no scholar can get a correct idea of the form and motions of the earth from the flat surface of a map. A child will obtain a better and more comprehensive knowledge of Geography from a globe in one lesson, than in ten without one. I think if parents fully realized the importance of these aids, they would be willing to furnish them at once.

I find that the registers show a long list of names in the "Roll of Honor." Of the two hundred and fifty-five scholars who have attended the winter schools, ninety-eight have not been tardy, or absent a half day of the term. The number of visits made by parents and citizens during the first term of all the schools, were one hundred and sixty-three.

I have endeavored in this report to give you a brief statement of my views in relation to the state of the schools in town. I have made sixty visits during the year, and I have endeavored to ascertain the method of discipline, the manner of imparting instruction and the advancement made in each school. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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